THE ONE WAITING FOR THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S LONG OVERDUE RETURN IS...
OHH, BADGHUD IS JUST AS I EXPECTED!
IT'S SO LIVELY!!
bustle
bustle

千一夜ドロップ

sen-chi-ya DROP

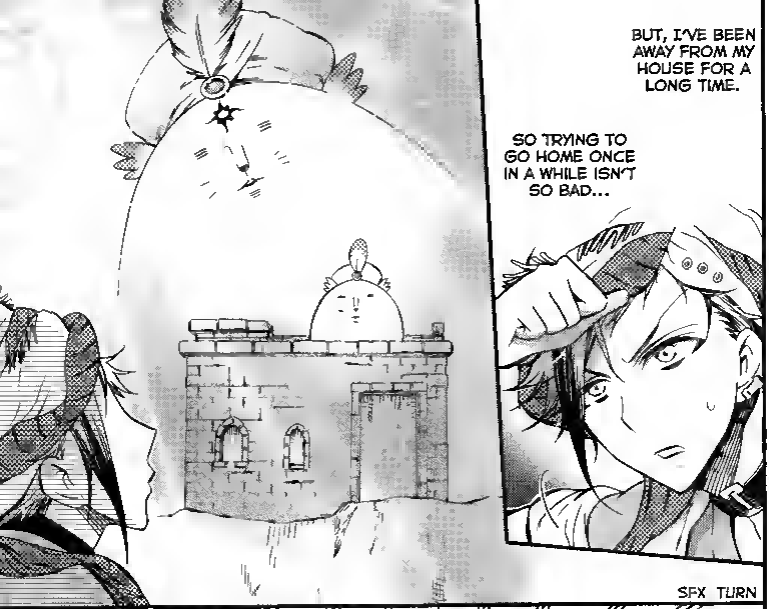
Chapter 5

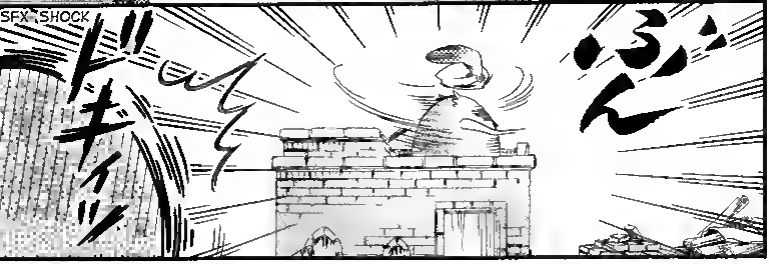
The story of the second son's one hour visit home.

ANIKI —!!?
LET'S MEET UP IN 6 HOURS!!
I AM GOING TO THE CAT CAFE THAT JUST LANDED IN BADGHUD JUST A FEW DAYS AGO FROM AN ISLAND NATION IN THE FAR EAST!
I'M GOING TO TOUR THE RESTAURANTS AND FOOD STALLS!
BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO GO TO THE PUBLIC BATH HOUSE!
MEOW
FOOD MAP

.....
...BUT...
Sigh, the folly of desire...

W... WELL, IT'S JUST THAT IT SEEMS LIKE THIS PICTURE ACCIDENTALLY RESEMBLES SOMEONE ELSE!!
NOW IS A GOOD CHANCE TO CHECK...


BUT, I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM MY HOUSE FOR A LONG TIME.
SO TRYING TO GO HOME ONCE IN A WHILE ISN'T SO BAD...
SFX. TURN


SFX. SHOCK
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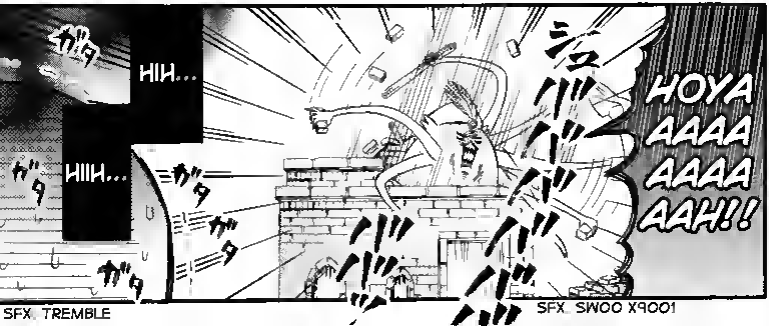
HIH...
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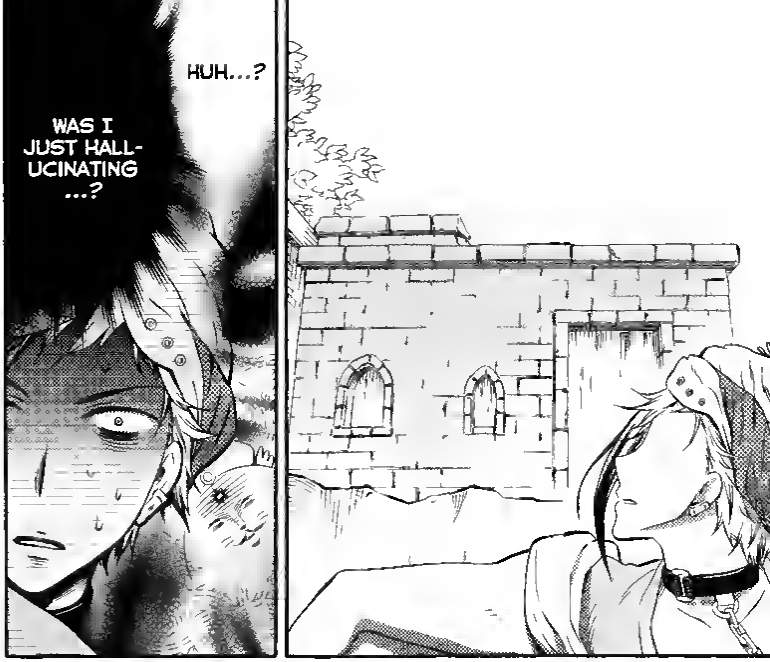
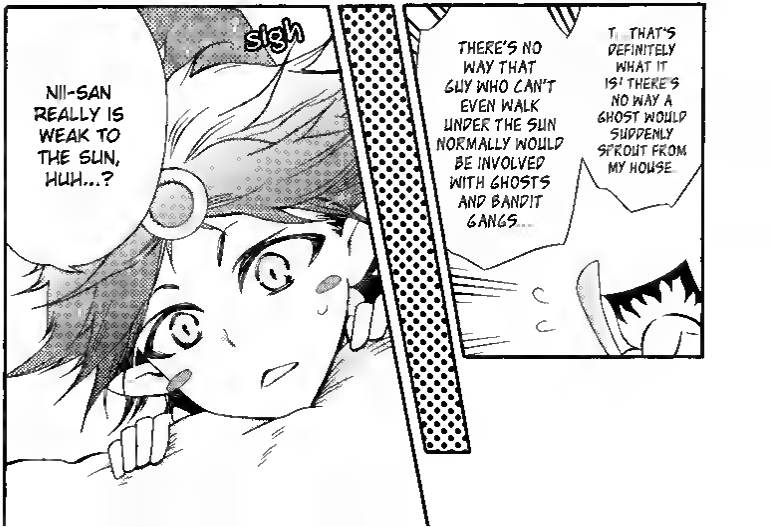
シュバババババ
HOYA AAAA AAAA AAH!!
SFX. TREMBLE
SFX. SWOO X9001

JUST WHEN I RETURNED HOME AFTER SO LONG...
A GHOST SUDDENLY SPRUNG UP OUT OF THE ROOF!!?
HMM!?
AMINA... DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
Huh?
LIKE WHAT?
zssh
saw
saw
WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION...?
Hmm

SO I'M GOING TO GO INVESTIGATE IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE COMPASS NEEDLE LAMP POINTED TOWARDS!
WELL, ALL THE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN MOVED NOW
OKAY, DO YOUR BEST!
Poof
AT ANY RATE, AMINA, I'M SORRY FOR PUTTING A HUGE HOLE IN THE CEILING.
IT'S OKAY SINCE I HAVE THE PASSION TO FIX IT!
AS EXPECTED OF THE DO IT YOURSELF GIRL!!
HELPING OUT BY BRINGING UP MATERIALS ONTO THE ROOF
Like that
SFX GASP
WHOOSH
For now I'll just put a sheet over the hole.
W-wh-
WHY IS A GHOST HERE!!?
BUT, IT SEEMS LIKE I REMEMBER SEEING THAT GHOST BEFORE...
SFX BA DUM!
THEN, AS I THOUGHT, THAT PORTRAIT IS OF BIG BROTHER...


HUH...?
WAS I JUST HALL-UCINATING ...?

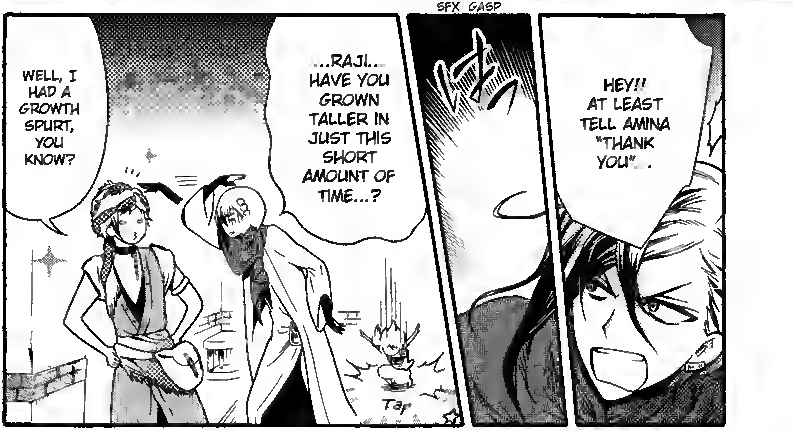

sigh
NII-SAN REALLY IS WEAK TO THE SUN, HUH...?
THERE'S NO WAY THAT GUY WHO CAN'T EVEN WALK UNDER THE SUN NORMALLY WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH GHOSTS AND BANDIT GANGS...
T...THAT'S DEFINITELY WHAT IT IS! THERE'S NO WAY A GHOST WOULD SUDDENLY SPROUT FROM MY HOUSE...

SORRY ABOUT THAT. WHEN I CLING TO YOU I FEEL ELECTRIFIED.
You feel electrified...?
RUKUN... YOU'RE WEIGHING DOWN MY ARM...
It's falling asleep...
Even though I'm part of the sun.
AND YET IT'S STILL PLEASANT TO BE AROUND YOU, NII-SAN.
WHAT IS IT? DON'T HOLD BACK.
H...HEY, NADIR-NII -SAN.
AND I'm LIKE... YOU AND AMINA-CHAN
AND THE SOUP IS DELICIOUS...
LUMM... IS IT OKAY IF-I-STAY IN THIS HOUSE?
RIGHT NOW, IT'S EASIER TO DO THINGS TOGETHER WITH MASTER RUF ROKH.

Pat
SO...
AH, BUT I WON'T DIE EVEN IF I DON'T EAT ANYTHING SO I I'LL MAKE SURE NOT TO BECOME A BURDEN AND RAISE THE FOOD EXPENSES.
rub
rub
IF YOU WANT MY BEANS-ONLY SOUP THEN YOU ARE WELCOME TO EAT IT
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING SOMEONE WHO CALLS ME "BROTHER" GO HUNGRY.
NII-SAN..!
EVERY DAY FOR NOW ON.

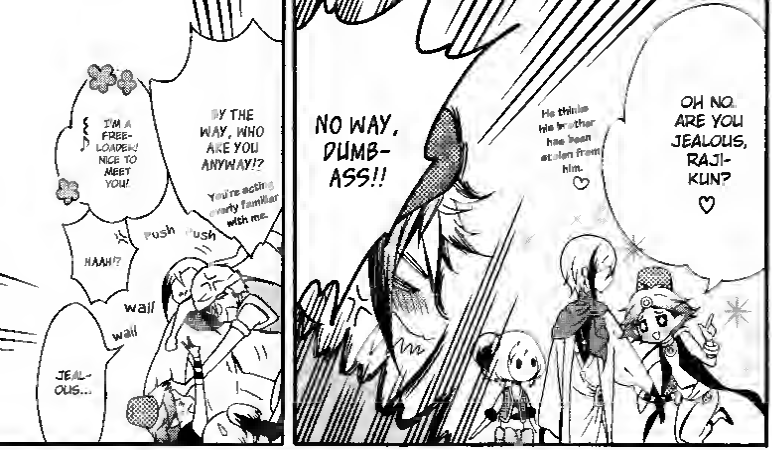
"NII-SAN"?
Wh-
WHO IS THIS...?
First a ghost and now some brat I don't know!
AH! COULD YOU BE NII-SAN'S LITTLE BROTHER,
UM, RA...

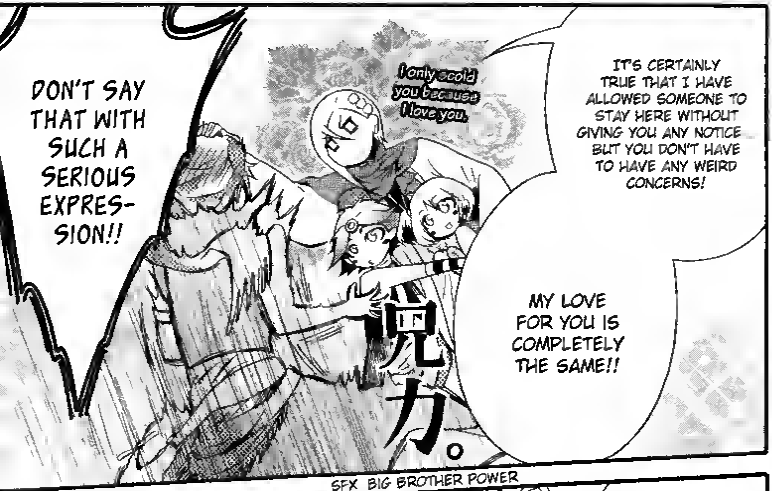
RAAAAAAJI !!!!!!...!!!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WANDERING AROUND AT UNTIL NOW? YOU MADE YOUR FAMILY WORRY ABOUT YOU.
I NEVER ASKED YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME, DID I?
Shut up
YOU SURE CAN CLING TO ME EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A SICK GUY!!
OH, RAJI-NII!? WELCOME HOME.
Peek
WHERE ARE YOU STICKING YOUR FACE OUT FROM, LITTLE SISTER!?
Why the hell is there a hole there!?


SFX GASP
HEY!! AT LEAST TELL AMINA "THANK YOU"...
...RAJI.. HAVE YOU GROWN TALLER IN JUST THIS SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME...?
WELL, I HAD A GROWTH SPURT, YOU KNOW?
Tap

SFX: STAB
YOU WERE ONLY BORN ONE YEAR APART, RIGHT?
YOU ARE GOING TO GET BIGGER THAN YOUR LITTLE BROTHER
NOW, NOW, NII-SAN!
HE HAS ALREADY LOST IN WEIGHT (MUSCLES)
Hahahi
LIKE THIS I'M GONNA PASS YOU UP SOON?
I'M SORRY, I SAID TOO MUCH!!
He's grown a lot already and he's still in his growing period.
15
18
10
DON'T CRY
RAJI-NII, LONG TIME, NO SEE!
.... THERE'S A THREE YEAR DIFFER-ENCE...
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, BASTARD
Pchi
Keh
INSTEAD LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING WHILE AWAY FROM HOME
...WELL, LET'S JUST STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS NOW.
I'm happy that my little brother is growing but... but he's began relying on me less and less... as a brother...

O OTHER PEOPLE??
MY ANIKI ARE OTHER PEOPLE NOW.
Heh
STOP BITCHIN' ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING
Are they always like this?
AT LEAST CALL YOUR ANIKI "ANIKI"
Hey!
WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!
SFX: POINT
AND ANYHOW, YOU HAVE THIS BRAT HERE TO CALL YOU "NII-SAN" NOW, DON'T YOU!?
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ANYTHING I DO!
RAJI..


I'M A FREE-LOADER! NICE TO MEET YOU!
BY THE WAY, WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY!?
You're acting overly familiar with me.
push
push
HAAH!?
wail
wail
JEAL-OUS...
NO WAY, DUMB-ASS!!
He thinks his brother has been stolen from him.
OH NO. ARE YOU JEALOUS, RAJI-KUN?


DON'T SAY THAT WITH SUCH A SERIOUS EXPRES-SION!!
I only scold you because I love you.
IT'S CERTAINLY TRUE THAT I HAVE ALLOWED SOMEONE TO STAY HERE WITHOUT GIVING YOU ANY NOTICE BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE ANY WEIRD CONCERNS!
MY LOVE FOR YOU IS COMPLETELY THE SAME!!
SFX BIG BROTHER POWER

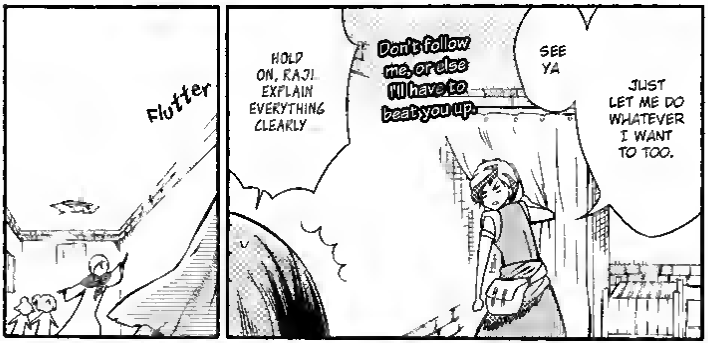
A PEN-DANT?
LOOK HERE, I ALWAYS WEAR THE ORNAMENT THAT YOU MADE ME LONG AGO, RAJI

HIIIH—
Ever since
his hands.
RAJI MADE THIS FOR ME WHEN HE WAS STILL ONLY 11 YEARS OLD...
THE INSIDE IS HOLLOW SO I CAN USE IT TO CARRY MY SEWING NEEDLES
PROUD
THIS IS HAND-MADE!? RAJI-KUN IS AMAZING...
SFX: GRAB
I JUST MADE THAT WHILE PLAYING AROUND WHEN I WAS A KID
I WOULD NEVER MAKE
THUD
clang
clatter
THE GROOVES CAN BE USED TO CUT THREAD
THE THREAD GOES THROUGH HERE (THE MAIN PART CAN BE STORED INSIDE)
ta-da
RENEWAL
SUCH A POORLY MADE THING NOWADAYS! IT'D BE TOO EMBARR-ASSING!!
My hands just moved on their own-
THIS LOOKS REALLY EASY TO USE. THANK YOU, RAJI!
Raji-nii you're so kind!

EH?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'VE FOUND A METAL WORKING JOB, RAJI?
...
I... I DIDN'T REALLY DO IT FOR YOU OR ANYTHING. I JUST DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW THAT THING WAS ONE OF THE THINGS I MADE...!!
I... I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU...
...I ALSO DESIRE TO HAVE THAT KIND OF RESPECT ABLE JOB ONE DAY TOO...
SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE ABLE TO CALL YOUR CO-WORKERS "ANIKI"
IT'S JUST THAT YOUR SKILLS HAVE GOTTEN BETTER.
BESIDES THAT, YOU SAID EARLIER THAT YOUR "ANIKI ARE OTHER PEOPLE", DIDN'T YOU?

DO YOU THINK IT'S REALLY OKAY TO INTERRUPT PEOPLE WITH "WELL THEN"!!?
WELL THEN, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS RING, NII-SAN!
IT'S SOME-THING LIKE THAT? I WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT
SORRY, BUT IT'S MADE OF MATERIALS NOT PRESENT HERE ON EARTH SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE IT FOR MONEY
YEP! SINCE I'M A RING DJINN!
Eh?
HUH? IS THIS REALLY OKAY, RUKUN?
SIGH...
If you like it then I'm happy.
NADIR IS THE TYPE OF GUY WHO USES HIS ORNAMENTS AS SEWING TOOLS!!!
WITH THIS MY FINGER WON'T GET INJURED!
How lucky!

I DON'T INTEND TO COME BACK TO THIS HOUSE
JEEZ, JUST ACCEPT FREE-LOADERS OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU WANT
HUH!?


Flutter
HOLD ON, RAJI. EXPLAIN EVERYTHING CLEARLY
Don't follow me, or else I'll have to beat you up.
SEE YA
JUST LET ME DO WHATEVER I WANT TO TOO.

HE WAS SO OBEDIENT IN THE PAST...
Anki, I made this! You can have it!
I made a hair clip for you, Amina!
IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE PAST. NOW HE WON'T EVEN TALK TO ME PROPERLY...
AS I THOUGHT, HE CAN'T RELY ON HIS BROTHER, HUH...?
DEPRESSED
Kuh
DEALING WITH FAMILY IS REALLY TOUGH
AT 15...

EXAMPLE PHRASES OF THE REBELLIOUS PHASE
SHUT UP
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
DAMN OLD LADY!
HE'S IN HIS REBELLIOUS PHASE?
HUH...? COULD IT BE THAT..?
IT MATCHES HIM PERFECTLY.
A PERSON WHO DIDN'T HAVE A REBELLIOUS PHASE.
IF I'M NOT THERE THEN YOU CAN SAVE ON CLOTHING AND FOOD EXPENSES...
JEEZ
SFX: RUMMAGE
THE SECOND SON WHO IS IN HIS REBELLIOUS PHASE BUT STILL THINKING OF HIS FAMILY
BUT IF YOU HAVE A FREELOADER LIVING THERE THEN THE BUDGET IS GOING TO BE TIGHT AGAIN, DUMB ANIKI...

LET'S GO HOME, RAJI.
どっ
MY JOB...
A... ANIKI!?
I'M SORRY, I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY INFORMATION...
THAT'S ALRIGHT!
WE'VE GOTTEN HOLD OF ANOTHER GET RICH SCHEME!
REALLY!? AS EXPECTED OF YOU, ANIKI!
YEAH! NOW LET'S GO HOME AND REPORT TO THE BOSS!!
WELL THEN

PLEASE MAKE USE OF MY DUPLICATE KEY PRODUCTION
AND LOCK PICKING TECHNIQUES FOR THE BANDIT GANG, ANKABUT.
WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR YOU
OKAY
FUFU
A BANDIT GANG, HUH?
SHALL I LET YOU GO FREE WITHOUT ANY INJURIES ...?
A SUSPICIOUS FIGURE... WHAT'S THEIR GOAL?
FOR THE SAKE OF THE "SUN"
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